

Summary of Engagement

ANGUS PROJECT

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WHAT IS THE ANGUS PROJECT?

Vitreo Minerals Ltd. (Vitreo) proposes to develop the Angus Project, an open pit proppant quarry with a production rate of approximately 2.9 million tonnes per year and an anticipated disturbance area of approximately 728 hectares, located about 60 kilometres north of Prince George and 10 kilometres east of Bear Lake, British Columbia. Proppant, often called ‘frac sand’, is a sand-based material used in hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, to prop open the fractures that are created during crude oil and natural gas extraction. The Angus Project would be located adjacent to Highway 97 within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and would include an open pit quarry, raw sand plant, finishing plant, a transmission line to connect to existing provincial transmission infrastructure, and access roads. For more information on the Angus Project, please visit the Environmental Assessment Office’s [Angus Project webpage](#).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

The Angus Project is being reviewed by the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (2018) (the Act). After receiving Vitreo’s Initial Project Description (IPD) and Engagement Plan, the EAO formally started the Early Engagement phase of the environmental assessment (EA) process on July 31, 2023. The EAO held a public comment period requesting feedback on the IPD from August 10, 2023, to September 11, 2023, which included an in-person open house and a virtual information session. Prior to drafting this Summary of Engagement, the EAO engaged potentially affected First Nations, local governments, and provincial and federal agencies to gather their input on the IPD.

This Summary of Engagement, along with the upcoming Detailed Project Description, will be provided to the EAO’s Chief Executive Assessment Officer to inform the Readiness Decision to either:

- Proceed to the next phase of the EA process;
- Require a revised Detailed Project Description;
- Exempt the project from an EA; or
- Terminate the project from the EA process.

Figure 1 below provides an overview of the EA process and key documents. For more information on the Early Engagement phase, the EAO’s Summary of Engagement, and the Readiness Decision, please see EAO guidance materials available from: [2018 Act Guidance Documents](#).



Figure 1- Overview of the environmental assessment process

SUMMARY OF THIS REPORT

This Summary of Engagement includes:

- A list of participating Indigenous nations;
- A preliminary summary of participating Indigenous nations' interests and concerns in the project area;
- A summary of comments received during the public comment and engagement period;
- Input received from technical advisors;
- Information and engagement requirements for the Detailed Project Description; and
- Recommendations and direction to Vitreo from the EAO to inform subsequent phases of the EA process.

To date, three First Nations have expressed interests in the Angus Project area and two have identified as participating Indigenous nations. The EAO received seven individual comments during the public comment period and six questions from the public during the virtual information session. The EAO sought additional input on the IPD from technical advisors from local governments and provincial and federal government agencies, who raised key issues and concerns.

The purpose of this report is to help inform Vitreo's development of the Detailed Project Description by providing a summary of the input received during the Early Engagement phase and to provide a list of participating Indigenous nations. The EAO expects that Vitreo will use all the information received during Early Engagement, including the Summary of Engagement and detailed comments from participants, to consider and address this information, as appropriate, in a Detailed Project Description and to inform subsequent phases of the EA, if it proceeds.

WHAT WE ASKED

The EAO asked for feedback from the public, potentially affected First Nations, and technical advisors from local governments and provincial and federal government agencies, to understand and gather information on:

- Their preferred means of engagement; and
- Initial interests, concerns, questions, feedback, and knowledge regarding the Angus Project.

HOW WE ENGAGED

The EAO wrote to potentially affected First Nations, held meetings with First Nations and technical advisors, and held a public comment period, accepting public comments through the EAO's Electronic Project Information Centre (EPIC) website and by mail. The EAO also held an in-person open house in Bear Lake, British Columbia, on August 22, 2023, and a virtual information session on August 29, 2023.

The EAO tweeted on its corporate account and announced on EPIC that the public comment period commenced on August 10 and closed on September 11. Vitreo was directed to advertise the public comment period in the following media outlets:

- Prince George Citizen (Print and Digital);
- Pattison Radio Stations 99.3 and 101.3 in Prince George; and
- Bear Lake Community Facebook Group.



Figure 2- Photos from the EAO-led open house in Bear Lake British Columbia on August 22, 2023

WHO WE HEARD FROM AND WHAT WE HEARD

Participating Indigenous Nations

A First Nation may provide notice to the Chief Executive Assessment Officer that it intends to self-identify as a participating Indigenous nation in the assessment of a project under Section 14(1) of the Act. Alternatively, a First Nation may choose to refrain from identifying as a participating Indigenous nation under the Act. In each of these cases, the EAO must fulfill its constitutional obligations to potentially affected First Nations, including assessing potential project effects on a First Nation and its rights, and will continue to engage with them according to these obligations.

On July 31, 2023, the EAO notified McLeod Lake Indian Band, West Moberly First Nations, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Nak'azdli Whut'en, and Nazko First Nation regarding the EAO's approval of the IPD and Engagement Plan and the start of the Early Engagement phase. The EAO notified these First Nations due to the proximity of their traditional territories to the Angus Project area, asserted rights in the area, and their past and current use of the area.

McLeod Lake Indian Band and West Moberly First Nations self-identified as participating Indigenous nations and the EAO invited both to comment on the Angus Project Initial Project Description during the Early Engagement phase.

In addition, the EAO notified Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Nak'azdli Whut'en, and Nazko First Nation about the Angus Project. The Angus Project does not overlap with the traditional territories of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Nak'azdli Whut'en, or Nazko First Nation.

To date, [McLeod Lake Indian Band](#) and [West Moberly First Nations](#) have formally self-identified and provided a notice of intent to be a participating Indigenous nation for the Angus Project's EA review. Additional First Nations may be added as participating Indigenous nations later in the process if any notify the EAO of potential effects on their interests and there

is a reasonable possibility that the project will adversely affect their rights recognized and affirmed under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act* (1982).

Role of Participating Indigenous Nations

Participating Indigenous nations have specific procedural opportunities under the Act, including:

- Access to capacity funding during the Early Engagement phase of the EA process;
- Consensus seeking processes;
- An opportunity to provide notice of consent or lack of consent at specific decision points; and
- Access to facilitated dispute resolution.

The EA process is designed to advance reconciliation with First Nations peoples by implementing the standards set out in the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) in the context of EA. During every EA, the effects of a project on participating Indigenous nations and their Aboriginal rights¹ must be assessed. The EAO recognizes that each First Nation has a unique culture and connection to the lands and resources that are near a proposed project and anticipates that the scope of engagement will be different for each First Nation due to the diverse interests inherent to each First Nation. For more information on participating Indigenous nations please see the [EAO's guidance materials](#).

Developing an Understanding of Indigenous Interests

An Indigenous Interest is defined as a concern or issue held by a First Nation that the EAO (or First Nation) will conclude on during the Effects Assessment phase of the EA process. In many cases, Indigenous interests may represent or be integrally linked to a right recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act* (1982), an asserted right, or a Section 25(1) matter of the Act. The EAO and each participating Indigenous nation will work together, as early as possible, to develop an understanding of the Nation's unique connection to the proposed project area including past, current, and future uses of the area and interests that may be affected by the proposed project, which is referred to as the *Understanding of Interests* (see Figure 3 below). This Understanding of Interests will be reflective of the Nation's governance requirements and roles and will inform the EA process, including the scope and nature of the assessment and the focus of consensus seeking requirements of the Act at each EA phase.

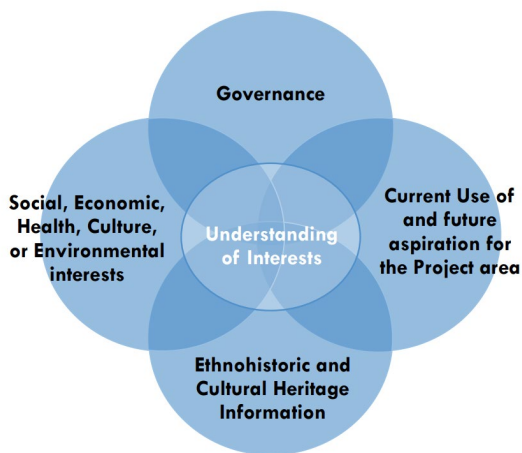


Figure 3 - Inputs considered when developing an understanding of a participating Indigenous nation's interests.

¹ Aboriginal rights are special rights belonging to Indigenous peoples because of their longstanding presence and self-governance on the lands that now form Canada. These rights aren't granted by the government but are fundamental to Indigenous communities' history and identity.

One goal of Early Engagement is to gather initial interests from each Nation, helping to build a more comprehensive understanding of interests. It is critical that Vitreo and the EAO engage jointly and independently with each Nation to better understand how these preliminary interests may be related to potential impacts specific to the project on each Nation's rights or on the Nation itself. This grasp of how the project may impact a Nation's interests will guide a more focused approach to engagement with each Nation during the EA process. This customized scope of engagement will be unique for each Nation through the recognition of:

- Past, current, and future use of the project area and/or resources that may be utilized or located within the project area (including potential downstream effects);
- Refined project-specific interests and potential effects to the Nations and/or their rights; and
- The governance role of each Nation in the project area.

Importantly, the EAO recognizes that the interests identified by each Nation at this stage of the Early Engagement phase for the Angus Project require additional engagement by Vitreo and the EAO to inform the scope of subsequent engagement. The EAO will continue to engage with each Nation to better understand each Nation's interests with respect to the Angus Project.

Integrating First Nations' Input into the Detailed Project Description

Vitreo should consider the interests provided by each First Nation and indicate how these interests will be considered in development of the Detailed Project Description, by including additional information or indicating how comments may be considered in subsequent phases of the EA. For example, Process Planning that sets the scope of the EA; Application Development that allows for collaborative opportunities to review Vitreo's application prior to assessment; and Effects Assessment where the EAO works with each First Nation to assess the potential effects of a project on the Nation and its rights.

The EAO requires that Vitreo undertake additional engagement with First Nations to better understand the interests and project-related concerns put forth, and that Vitreo respond to each Nation's interests as part of the Detailed Project Description by describing how the Angus Project will interact with each interest. This information may influence project design described in the Detailed Project Description if necessary to mitigate potential effects by design and will inform the EAO's Readiness Decision.

The EAO will review the Detailed Project Description and Vitreo's responses to the input received from each participating Indigenous nation collaboratively with the Nations in support of the Readiness Decision.

If the Angus Project proceeds to the Process Planning phase, the EAO will describe the methods of engagement with each participating Indigenous nation through the issuance of a Process Order, which will include application information requirements to evaluate the impact of the Angus Project on each Nation and its rights. The Process Order will also define the level of participation of each Nation on the Technical Advisory Committee and its sub-committees, specify the timing and nature of engagement activities, and determine whether any Nation wishes to oversee specific aspects of the assessment, such as evaluating the Project's effects on the Nation's exercise of its Aboriginal rights.

The Indigenous interests and concerns identified in Table 1 below are not an exhaustive list but are a summary of what has been heard so far through notification letters received from participating Indigenous nations, meetings with the EAO, and comments received on the IPD and Engagement Plan. Additional feedback and input will need to be considered should the Angus Project proceed to Process Planning. The EAO expects Vitreo to continue to engage with participating Indigenous nations to understand how the Project (via facilities or activities) will interact with the Nation's interests and include this description in the Detailed Project Description. The EAO does not require an assessment of potential effects of the project in the Detailed Project Description as this will be required as part of the Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate if the Project proceeds to an EA.

Table 1: Indigenous Interests and Project Concerns received from First Nations

First Nation	Indigenous Interests and Project Concerns
<p>McLeod Lake Indian Band</p>	<p>Concerns regarding water requirements, particularly during seasons of drought, and impacts on recharge in the receiving environment downstream of the mine site.</p> <p>Need for further studies and characterization of potentially affected watersheds, including Angusmac Creek, Giggler Creek, and Olsson Creek.</p> <p>Impacts from fugitive dust and efficacy of dust management measures.</p> <p>Requirement to conduct a Treaty Impact Assessment (formerly known as a Traditional Land Use Study) and to develop a Memorandum of Understanding. Funding must be provided to McLeod Lake Indian Band to undertake this work.</p> <p>Need for further details regarding progressive reclamation.</p> <p>Concerns regarding the use of hauling trucks to transport material and potential effects on forest service roads and highway traffic and safety.</p> <p>Need to explore alternatives to haul trucks such as rail transport.</p> <p>Concerns regarding upgrading haul road and impacts to the nearby streams such as Giggler Creek and desire to be involved in haul road upgrade discussions.</p> <p>Concerns around method of transport for workforce and potential impacts from increased traffic on highway and areas such as Pine Pass.</p> <p>Concerns regarding potential impacts from construction of transmission line on fish habitat.</p> <p>Need to scope, assess, and understand the project’s contribution to cumulative effects.</p> <p>Need to collaboratively develop revegetation plans and be involved in post-closure monitoring efforts.</p> <p>Impacts of noise to nearby wildlife and need to assess impacts on wildlife populations due to displacement.</p>
<p>Nazko First Nation</p>	<p>Potential impacts to the Fraser River watershed which may cause downstream effects to Nazko First Nation.</p> <p>Concerns around usage of water and water diversion.</p> <p>Impacts to wildlife, specifically migratory birds and any species at risk.</p> <p>Implications of climate change on the project and project area.</p> <p>Potential impacts of dust on human health and water quality.</p> <p>Interest in habitat offsetting and other future mitigation measures.</p>
<p>West Moberly First Nations</p>	<p>Proximity of the proposed project to Summit Lake, and associated impacts to treaty rights, including hunting, berry picking, and cultural use.</p> <p>Potential impacts from traffic, dust, and noise on nearby communities, wildlife, and vegetation.</p> <p>Concerns related to cumulative effects and the location of the proposed project being in a highly disturbed area.</p> <p>Potential impacts, including cumulative impacts, to caribou and concern that the project area was once used by caribou since the historical baseline habitat was much broader.</p> <p>Potential Impacts to water, including contamination and how that may affect treaty rights.</p> <p>The need for a better rationale to determine if the proposed benefits of the project (e.g., providing a local source of proppant that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions) would outweigh the negative impacts the project would have on the environment and Treaty 8 rights.</p> <p>The need for more proposed alternatives to the project.</p> <p>Recommendation that a cultural assessment be conducted, and that sufficient funding is provided to support West Moberly First Nations’ participation in the environmental assessment process.</p>

Public

During the 30-day public comment and engagement period on the Angus Project’s IPD and Engagement Plan from August 10 to September 11, 2023, the EAO hosted an in-person open house on August 22, 2023, at the Bear Lake Community Hall in Bear Lake, British Columbia, and a virtual information session via online webinar on August 29, 2023. The virtual information session included a presentation by the EAO on the environmental assessment process, a presentation by Vitreo on the Angus Project and opportunities for participants to ask questions online. A total of 20 people attended the in-person open houses and a total of eight people participated in the virtual information session.

The public comment and engagement period was advertised in local newspapers and on local radio stations and via the [EAO’s Twitter](#) and the [EAO’s webpage](#). The EAO received a total of seven public comments through their [online project registry EPIC](#). No comments were rejected following to the EAO’s [public comment policy](#) and all comments were shared with Vitreo to inform the development of the Detailed Project Description and further engagement.

Vitreo is required to respond to public comments as part of the Detailed Project Description via the inclusion of additional information, project design considerations, and/or an indication of how these comments may inform subsequent phases of the EA process (e.g., application information requirements, proposed mitigation measures, etc.). Public comments were solicited by the EAO and were posted on the [EAO’s EPIC website](#).

Table 2 below provides a summary of public comments received on the IPD, which have been paraphrased and organized into seven categories.

Table 2: Summary of public comments

Comment Theme	Public Concern or Comment
Air Quality and Dust	Community members noted that silica dust is hazardous to human health and can travel significant distances when airborne. Given the proposed project’s proximity to the community of Bear Lake, air quality in and around the community could be impacted.
Community Identity and Wellbeing	Community members voiced worries about how changes in wildlife behavior might influence their connection to the area and sense of identity. They conveyed that coexisting harmoniously with the local wildlife, including birds, bears, and other species, is a source of well-being and a significant factor in their appreciation of community living.
Highway Traffic	Community members expressed concerns about the heightened risk of vehicle accidents due to the surge in traffic on Highway 97. This concern stems from the fact that the corridor is already heavily utilized, and many locals share the sentiment that their safety on the road could be compromised with the added influx of hauling vehicles.
Impacts to Recreation	Residents of Bear Lake emphasized the importance of easy access to pristine natural environments for recreational activities and expressed concern that the proposed project would alter these environments or restrict public access.
Impacts to Water	Concerns were raised regarding negative impacts to surface and groundwater, including drinking water. It was shared during the open house that drinking water in the area is of high quality, and a source of pride and well-being for members of the community.
Positive Economic Impacts	Some community members shared their support for the project’s infrastructure and employment opportunities and hope to see the project revitalize Bear Lake and attract new community members.

Technical Advisors

Technical advisors play a vital role in advising the EAO and participating Indigenous nations on technical matters related to the assessment. Qualified persons will have the opportunity to participate on the Technical Advisory Committee formed

during Process Planning, should the Angus Project proceed past the Readiness Decision. The EAO contacted technical advisors from potentially affected First Nations, local governments, provincial and federal government agencies, and provincial health authorities to request their feedback on the IPD. [Appendix 1](#) below lists technical advisors invited to review the IPD and Engagement Plan and participate during Early Engagement. For more information on the role of the Technical Advisory Committee in the EA process, please see the EAO’s [Technical Advisory Committee Guidelines](#).

On August 2, 2023, the EAO hosted a meeting with technical advisors to provide an overview of the Angus Project and the EA process under the Act, and to outline the roles and responsibilities of technical advisors during Early Engagement and of the Technical Advisory Committee during future EA phases. Following the meeting, the EAO requested that technical advisors review the IPD to identify key issues for Vitreo to consider in the Detailed Project Description.

Vitreo should consider feedback from technical advisors and indicate how it has been incorporated into the Detailed Project Description via the inclusion of additional information, project design considerations, and/or indicate how these comments may inform subsequent phases of the EA. The EAO does not seek to solicit highly detailed or technically specific comments and review at this stage of the EA process. Comments that are deemed beyond the scope of the Early Engagement phase are carried forward to subsequent phases of the EA process and will inform future milestones and deliverables should the EA proceed past the Readiness Decision. Figure 4 below illustrates how technical advisor input on the IPD is considered during Early Engagement and subsequent phases of the EA process:

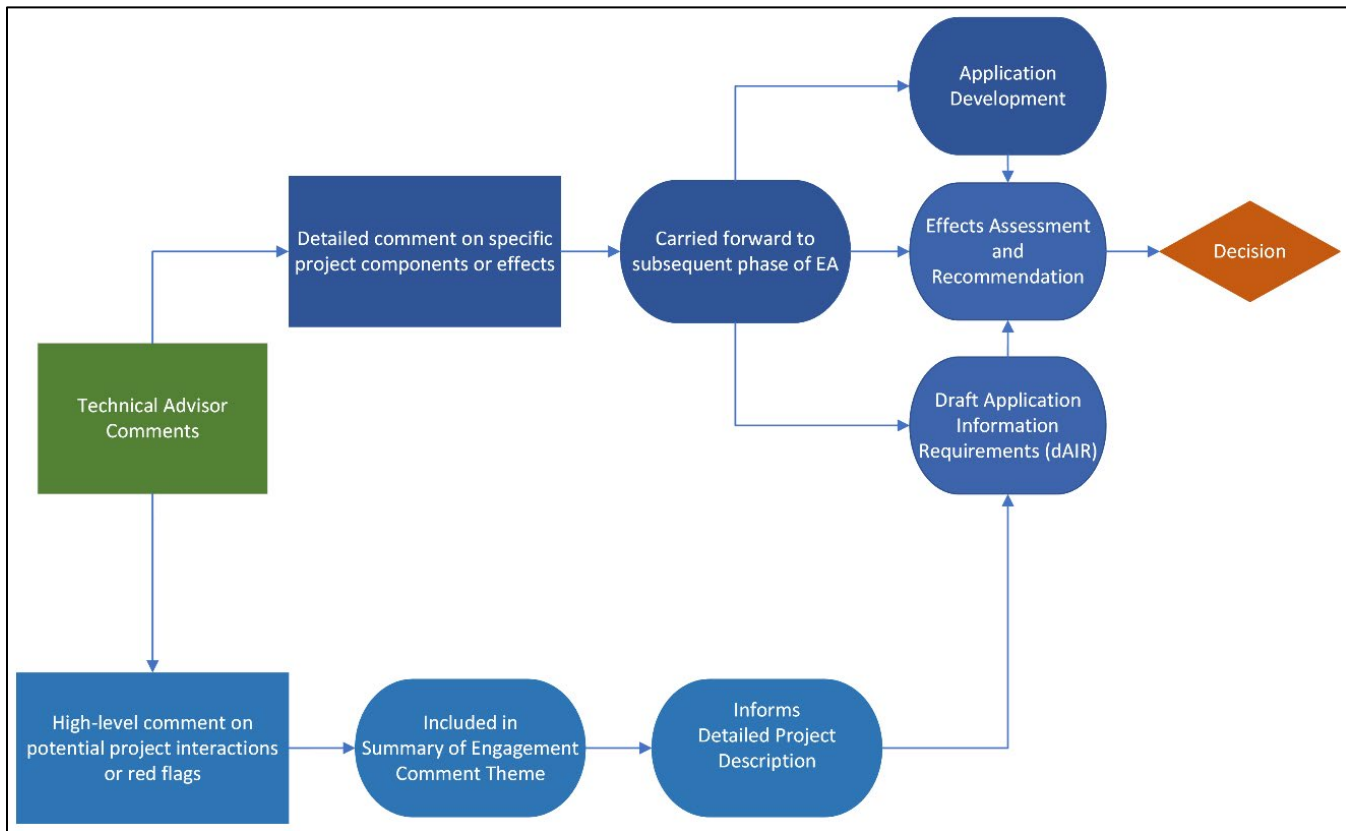


Figure 4: How technical advisor input is considered in the environmental assessment process

A summary of comments received from technical advisors on the IPD is provided in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Summary of technical advisor comments

Comment Theme	Technical Advisor Concern or Comment
Air Quality and Dust	Concerns were raised with air quality around recreation sites due to dust and other particulates in the air from both the increased use of road hauling and from the processing plant. It was suggested that the road be re-routed farther away from recreation and camping areas. Concerns were also expressed regarding the impacts of dust on aquatic and human health.
	Technical advisors requested a complete emissions inventory for both the construction and operations phases in the Detailed Project Description as well as a dust management plan for the mining location, haul route and finishing plant area.
Fish and Fish Habitat	Technical advisors expressed concern that the project is adjacent to a Fisheries Sensitive Watershed and that this should be considered in the Detailed Project Description.
	Technical advisors requested all fish species observed during baseline data collection be listed in the Detailed Project Description. Potential interactions of the Project with Bull Trout and Arctic grayling are of particular interest.
Highway Access	Technical advisors raised concerns regarding access to the highway during construction and operation.
Recreation Sites	Technical advisors raised concerns around the potential impacts of dust, sound on recreational site users and cabin owners. Further concern was expressed on potential effects the proposed project may have on fisheries as nearby lakes are a destination for recreational angling. It was also noted that there is a group of recreational cabin users that may be impacted by the proposed project.
Vegetation	Concerns were raised regarding the removal of vegetation required to widen the road corridor and its potential impact on wildlife, ground and surface water, nearby recreation sites (e.g., Emerald Lake and camping area) as well as fish.
Water Quality	Technical advisors noted that sediment ponds were indicated as the only water treatment at the Mine Site and Finishing Plant and requested additional information on any other treatment processes being proposed in the Detailed Project Description. It was also indicated that a suitable water treatment system will need to be proposed if contact water from the Angus Project is anticipated to have contaminants that exceed applicable water quality guidelines.
	Technical advisors were concerned about impacts to ground and surface water from increased use of road hauling and from the processing plant and how this may affect fish at Emerald and Crystal lakes (stocked lakes used by recreational anglers).
	Technical advisors indicated that drinking water should be considered when assessing water quality as it can be affected by change in ground or surface water quality.
Wildlife	Technical advisors noted that although the project footprint does not impinge on current caribou herd boundaries, the area was used by caribou up to the early 1980's and has since been abandoned because of increased disturbance.
	Technical advisors were concerned that the mitigation of effects on migratory bird nests related to the Federal Migratory Birds Regulations and the <i>BC Wildlife Act</i> are insufficient and requested these be developed further in the Detailed Project Description.
Workforce and Community Wellbeing	Concerns were raised regarding Vitreo's estimations and its commitment to local hiring practices. It is anticipated that workers with specialized skill sets may need to come from other regions of the province or country. This could entail the establishment of project-specific accommodations (e.g., work camps) for non-local workers, or their integration into the local rental market. It is important to acknowledge that the introduction of work camps and an influx of temporary laborers can

Comment Theme	Technical Advisor Concern or Comment
	disproportionately affect specific demographic groups, notably women and First Nations peoples. Moreover, abrupt spikes in the local population may exert undue pressure on health and well-being infrastructure and services.

VITREO’S RESPONSE TO INITIAL FEEDBACK

Human Values

- Vitreo plans to continue examining and building an understanding of potential drinking water sources and community wells that could be impacted by the project.
- Vitreo plans to use wet processing at its raw sand plant and enclosed sand drying at its finishing plant to mitigate dust dispersion. Vitreo also plans to develop a dust management plan to mitigate impacts of dust through water and dust suppressant techniques. A fugitive dust management and monitoring plan will also be developed to help mitigate impacts from dust produced by haul trucks.
- Highway traffic impacts will be managed through further dialogue with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and various options for highway access will be presented in the Detailed Project Description.
- Vitreo plans to make use of a skilled workforce located in and around the Prince George area, within commuting distance of the project. As such, Vitreo does not plan to construct accommodation structures on site or in the nearby community.

Biophysical Values

- Vitreo plans to use sedimentation ponds as the primary treatment measure for project contact water and Vitreo does not currently plan to construct a water treatment facility. The potential addition of flocculant (a chemical substance that is added to a mixture of fine particles, such as minerals or ores in water, to promote the aggregation and settling of these particles) is still being evaluated.
- Vitreo has not detected caribou within the assessment study area as part of its comprehensive baseline program but acknowledges the historic use of caribou in the project area.

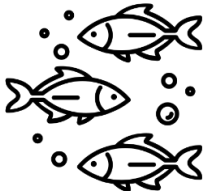
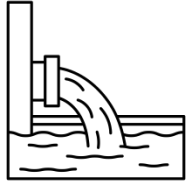

THE EAO’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The summary of engagement is intended to inform Vitreo’s development of the Detailed Project Description by presenting key issues and concerns raised on the IPD and Engagement Plan. The following recommendations may help in Vitreo’s development of the Detailed Project Description and facilitate the early resolution of issues and concerns to avoid delays in the EA process down the road.

Water


Provide a summary of potential project interactions with water and related values by including the following:

	Provide information relating to how the project may interact with nearby fisheries and sensitive watersheds and include a more fulsome list of potentially impacted fish species, specifically Bull Trout and Arctic Grayling.
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<p>Further Information on Fish</p> 	<p>Discuss how mine traffic will interact with fish at Emerald and Crystal Lakes. Ensure that recreational users are kept informed of potential impacts and included in discussions relating to mitigations.</p>
<p>Options for Water Treatment</p> 	<p>Provide options for water treatment system(s) if contact water from the Angus Project is anticipated to have contaminants that exceed applicable water quality guidelines. Options for water treatment system(s) must meet EMLI’s Technology Readiness Assessment Interim Technical Guidance (August 2022) with a Technology Readiness Level of at least 7. This level is defined as a prototype that is at planned operational level and is ready for demonstration in an operational environment.</p>
<p>Community Trust in Water Quality</p> 	<p>Provide options and ideas for holding open dialogues with the local community and stakeholders. Provide potential options for the project's water management measures and be receptive to feedback and suggestions.</p>






Air Quality

Provide a summary of potential project interactions with air quality and related values by including the following:

<p>Dust from Trucks and Processing</p> 	<p>Provide further information on the increased hauling traffic (e.g., number and type of project specific vehicles, traffic routes, road upgrades, potential new roads etc.) and information regarding the processing of materials that may create dust.</p>
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Wellbeing, Culture, and Health

Provide a summary of potential interactions with wellbeing, culture, and health by including the following:

<p>Community Composition</p> 	<p>Provide a description of the nearby community's demographic makeup, ensuring disaggregated data based on key identity factors like ethnicity, gender, income, and educational attainment are noted.</p>
<p>Sense of Place and Identity</p> 	<p>Identify the project’s potential interactions with the existing sense of place and identity within nearby communities through focused group interviews and/or individual interviews while considering the historical, spiritual, and cultural significance of the area to residents.</p>
<p>Workforce Influx</p> 	<p>Describe where workers will come from and how Vitreo will prioritize hiring locally, recognizing that an influx of workforce, especially if non-local, can disproportionately affect certain subpopulations, such as women and First Nations peoples</p>
<p>Prevention and Response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV)</p> 	<p>Provide a description of how the Project could interact with GBV both in nearby communities and within the project's workplace.</p>
<p>Transportation of Materials</p> 	<p>Provide alternative options to hauling by truck for the transportation of quarried materials.</p>

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

As a next step in the EA process, Vitreo is required to respond to the input included in this Summary of Engagement, including comment themes provided by First Nations, the public, and technical advisors, and consider the individual issues raised during Early Engagement in the development of the Detailed Project Description.

As part of the Detailed Project Description submission, Vitreo is required to respond to:

- Each public comment theme (with consideration of individual comments for context);
- Each comment from technical advisors; and
- The interests provided by each participating Indigenous nation.

The EAO requests that the Detailed Project Description is accompanied by:

- A table that clearly references how and where feedback received from technical advisors, First Nations, and the public is incorporated into the Detailed Project Description, as warranted, or a rationale as to why it was not incorporated;
- A First Nations Consultation Log; and
- Vitreo's proposed revisions and additions to the standard [Application Information Requirements](#).

Having a draft Application Information Requirements from Vitreo with the Detailed Project Description will facilitate early scoping discussions to take place with technical advisors and First Nations prior to Process Planning.

It is important that the Detailed Project Description describe how engagement was considered and how, if applicable, it may have contributed to changes in the Project design or is best addressed during subsequent EA phases (e.g., application information requirements during Process Planning).

Detailed comments will be included and addressed in an Issues Tracking Table to be submitted with the Detailed Project Description. The guidelines for completing a Detailed Project Description are included in the [Early Engagement Policy](#).

The EAO requires Vitreo to engage with and incorporate feedback from First Nations on the Detailed Project Description prior to submitting it to the EAO. It is also recommended that an early draft of the Detailed Project Description be provided to the EAO, participating Indigenous nations, and technical advisors to seek their feedback and identify if additional information is needed in the Detailed Project Description to support the Readiness Decision, which seeks to:

- Ensure sufficient proponent engagement with participating Indigenous nations, provincial and federal agencies, local governments, and the public has occurred, including adequate opportunities to comment on project design, siting, and alternative approaches to developing the project;
- Ensure sufficient information relating to project location, interactions of the project with required matters including valued components and First Nations' interests, alternative means, components, and activities is available to initiate an EA, including information required for the Process Planning phase, which sets the scope and information requirements for the project's EA; and
- Transparently identify key project issues for resolution during the EA.

The Readiness Decision phase will start after Vitreo submits a final Detailed Project Description to the EAO. The EAO will determine whether enough information is available to start the Process Planning phase of the EA process. If the project proceeds to Process Planning, the EAO will use the Detailed Project Description as the key foundational document to inform the development of the Process Order, which includes the Assessment Plan, the Application Information Requirements, and the Regulatory Coordination Plan.

This Summary of Engagement, along with the Detailed Project Description and responses from Vitreo to public, technical advisor, and First Nations comments will be provided to the Chief Executive Assessment Officer to inform the Readiness Decision.

APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS

The list below includes the groups that were requested to provide comments on the IPD during Early Engagement as technical advisors:

- First Nations:
 - Lheidli T'enneh First Nation;
 - McLeod Lake Indian Band;
 - Nak'azdli Whut'en;
 - Nazko First Nation; and
 - West Moberly First Nations.
- Municipalities:
 - Bear Lake Community Commission;
 - City of Prince George; and
 - Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.
- Northern Health Authority.
- Government of British Columbia:
 - BC Parks;
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Food;
 - Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation;
 - Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy;
 - Ministry of Forests;
 - Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation;
 - Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation;
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs;
 - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; and
 - Ministry of Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship.